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DETAILED ACTION

1. Prosecution on the merits of this application is reopened on claims 50-62 considered unpatentable for the reasons indicated below.

Claims 43-55 filed November 1, 2002 have been renumbered as claims 50-62 to achieve compliance with 37 CFR 1.126 regarding the numbering of claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 3. Claims 50-55 and 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by White et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,176).

White et al. discloses a film assembly 14 loaded into a camera. The film assembly includes a spoolless canister 12 and a film cartridge 40 with a spool 39. The film canister 12 is shown in Figs. 3A and 3B comprising 2 half-shells or an inner and outer sleeve as referred to by White et al.. Figs. 5A-6 disclose a method of loading a film into the film assembly using a tool. This procedure is performed in a dark environment. One end of the film is inserted into the fork of the winding tool 114. The required amount of film is wound onto the tool taken from either a bulk roll of film or from the film cartridge 40. If from the bulk roll, after the required amount is rolled onto the tool, the film is cut from the bulk roll and that end is attached to the film spool in the film cartridge 40 at some point of the film loading procedure. The tool with the film on it is

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inserted into the inner shell half 46 and the tool is removed, before the outer shell half is positioned over the inner sleeve half. Figs. 7 and 8 disclose a second embodiment wherein the spoolless canister is constructed as a single main cylindrical member and an end cap. Thus, White et al. fully discloses the method and apparatus of applicant's claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 5. Claim 57 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over White et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,176) in view of Light et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,261,535).

White et al. shows the claimed method except for inserting both the first and second container into a package, which is then sealed. Light et al. discloses inserting a plurality of film canisters or cartridges into a package and then sealing the package. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to insert the film assembly of White et al. in a package and then seal it in order to obtain the desirable feature of keeping the film assembly without deterioration, until such time as customer purchases same.

6. Claim 62 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over White et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,176) in view of Craig (U.S. Patent No. 5,748,987).

White et al. shows the claimed method except for the film carrying pre-exposed latent images and ensuring that an alignment mark on the film is arranged in alignment with an alignment mark on the camera. Craig shows a camera system wherein the camera is loaded with

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film having pre-exposed images and in the paragraph bridging columns 3 and 4, discloses alignment marks on the film and camera body. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill art to provide the camera of White et al. with pre-exposed images on the film to be loaded into the camera using alignment marks, in order to obtain the desirable feature of obtaining double exposure composite images.

7. Claim 56 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over White et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,176) in view of Nerwin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,482,681).

White et al. shows the claimed method except for attaching a removable clip to secure the first and second film containers together. Nerwin, in Fig. 3, discloses a "clip" 32 in the form of a band made of paper or pressure sensitive tape or other suitable material securing a pair of film containers together. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to secure the film containers of the film assembly of White et al. together using a "clip" or band in order to obtain the desirable feature of keeping them together until such time as the purchaser is ready to install them into the camera.

Telephone Numbers

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William B. Perkey whose telephone number is (703) 308-1708. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:00am-5:30pm.

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